

T. J. HADLEY & SONS

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Thomas Jefferson (T. J.) Hadley was born in Claiborn County, Louisiana, on May 8, 1858. His parents, John and Martha (Merideth) Hadley, were born in Franklin County, Alabama, and married in about 1845. By 1849, they were farming in Claiborn County. In 1859, when T. J. was one year old, John and Martha moved away from Louisiana and started farming in Bear Creek Township, Sevier County, Arkansas. During the American Civil War, John was appointed an overseer for Sevier County by the Confederate government. In 1869, John and Martha settled on a farm in White Oak Township, near the town of Ozark, Franklin County, Arkansas.

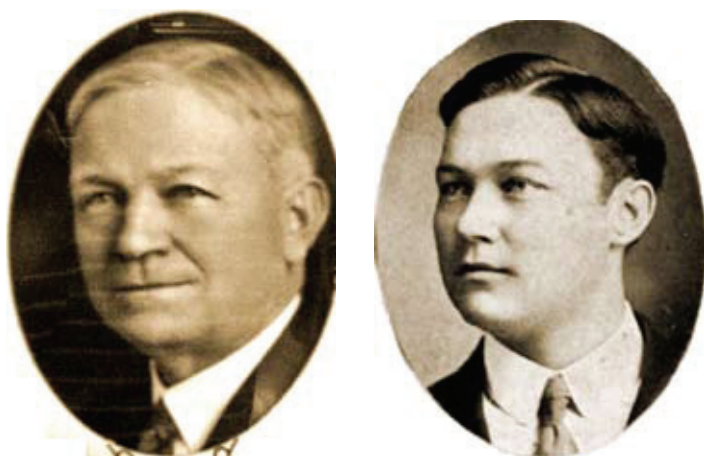
John Hadley had a large family. He and Martha had at least ten children, several of whom died in childhood. Martha died on January 20, 1870, and in August of that year only six of their children, including T. J., were living at home with John. On February 12, 1871, John married the widow Agnes (Miller) Blaylock in Ozark. Agnes brought five children from her previous marriage to the household and she and John had three more by the end of the 1870s.

T. J. received most of his education in Franklin County. It was here that he married Harriet "Hattie" B. Fletcher on September 18, 1878. Hattie was a daughter of Calvin Gardner and Amanda Fletcher, born in Indiana on December 23, 1861. Calvin and

Amanda moved the family to a farm in Shawnee County, Kansas, before 1870 and to Franklin County, Arkansas, in about 1877. After their marriage, T. J. and Hattie lived on a farm in Franklin County until October, 1887, when they moved to the nearby town of Vesta. In Vesta, T. J. entered into the general merchandise business with a brother. In 1888, T. J. became postmaster of Vesta.

T. J. and Hattie had a total of nine children, five of whom were living when the United States census was taken in June of 1900. In order of birth, they were Oscar C. (b. 1879), Roscoe Elbert (b. January 27, 1882), John C. (b. 1887), Thomas "Tom" Randall (b. 1889), and Velma R. (b. 1892). In about 1895, the Hadley family moved to Wagoner, Creek Nation, Indian Territory, where they became established in the drug business.

The children of T. J. and Hattie Hadley were educated in Franklin County, Arkansas, and in the Creek Nation, Indian Territory. For example, during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Roscoe Hadley attended public schools in Vesta, Central College in Wagoner and Indian University (now Baccane College) in Muskogee. Pharmacy was learned by the brothers mainly through experience working alongside pharmacists in local Wagoner drug stores as well as in the family owned business, established in



Sons of T. J. Hadley. From left, Oscar C., Roscoe E., John C., and Thomas R.

A TALK ON DRUGS.



OUR motive in presenting you with this page advertisement is to make the name of **HADLEY'S DRUG STORE** familiar words to every man, woman and child in the city of Wagoner and vicinity. We want you to know that at our store nothing but the very best and purest of Drugs and Medicines are sold. We want you to know that while the quality

is the very best, the price is as low as the lowest. By this system our business during the present year has shown a large increase over that of last year, and we intend, by a continuation of the system, to merit your future patronage to such an extent that our volume of business next year will show a decided gain over that of this year. With an increased stock and improved facilities, we are better prepared to take care of our customers than at any time in the past, and we must respectfully ask a fair portion of your patronage.

PERFUMERY DEPARTMENT.

We have recently added to our Perfumery Department Rogers & Gallet's, Palmers & Das Brook's special odors. We invite the ladies to ask to examine these perfumes, and we are satisfied they will be pleased.

We also have a well selected stock of Lighter's package and out glass perfumes at decidedly low prices.

CIGAR DEPARTMENT.

We call the attention of our patrons to the following brands of Cigars which we have selected especially for this trade: Wm. A. Stickney's "Chancellor," "Security," "La Preference," "El Merito," "Geo. W. Childs" and "Palliser;" F. R. Rice's "Merchant," "20's," and "Agout;" Niles & Moser's "Henry George," "Tom Moore," "Little Tom," etc. You should buy your cigars of us if you want the best.

STATIONERY DEPT.

If you are in need of Stationery of any kind you should examine our large stock before buying. We have taken especial pains in selecting this line of goods and know we can please you. School children should come direct to our store for pens, pencils, ink, tablets. Carry a full line of blank books consisting of double and single entry ledgers, letter files, copying books, and a fine line of box stationery.

CANDY DEPARTMENT.

We have just received a large invoice of Candies direct from the factory. It is pure and wholesome and free from all adulterations. That is the only kind we will handle and therefore we know we can please you. We carry a beautiful line of Bon Bons and Chocolates, pure fruits in packages. Most any young lady would be pleased to receive a box of this fine candy from her best fellow.



Prescriptions.

When you have a prescription to fill you don't want any "funny business" or jugglery connected with it. You want pure drugs and a man to compound them that knows his business. The prescription department of a drug store probably receives the least attention from the public of any of the various departments. Not because the public is not interested but from the fact that many druggists do not care to inform the public of this branch of their business. This dislike probably arises in some instances by a belief that the subject is too deep for the public to handle, and again it may arise from the knowledge that their methods would not start an investigation. In our prescription department PURITY is the first consideration, PRICE the second. We have the most accurate scales and measures obtainable and use the greatest care in each and every prescription. We can serve you satisfactorily in this department, and invite a trial.

Paint Department.

Do you know that it will cost very little to paint your house with our best Liquid Paint? Paint is a necessity; it not only beautifies but preserves your buildings. One gallon of our best Liquid Paint will cover 300 square feet of ordinary surface two coats. Measure your house and you will be surprised to find how few gallons it will take to paint the same. This paint will take one gallon of linseed oil in thinning for first coat work and nearly as much for finishing coats. This reduces the cost so that our best is not only the most durable but is also the most economical goods on the market. We guarantee our best Liquid Paint to wear five years when applied in accordance with directions on can. Consider the points: Economy, Durability and Easy Application.

We also carry in stock Paint Specialties, Floor Paint, Roof and Barn Paint, Bogey Paint, Varnishes, Wood Stains, Colors in Oil and Lead, etc. Let us figure with you when in need of anything in the paint line.

25¢ Ask for sample card.

Your Toilet.

In Toilet Preparations the ladies want something that will keep the flesh soft, impart a rosy, healthy color and not be injurious. There are many preparations on the market that are extremely injurious, and too much care cannot be used in making your selection. We carry nothing but the VERY BEST of this kind of goods and we earnestly urge the ladies to call at our store and inspect our line before buying.



OUR OWN PREPARATIONS.

We have some of our own preparations that we wish to call your attention to, as they are all sold under an absolute guarantee. Hallow's Tasteless Chill Tonic, with Iron and Peppin, we claim is the very best and far superior to many of the chill tonics on the market. Every bottle guaranteed to cure or money refunded. If you have the chill don't fail to try a bottle of this tonic and be convinced.

Our Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla is one of the best blood purifiers and general tonics on the market, and we guarantee every bottle to give satisfaction.

T. J. HADLEY & SONS'

Wagoner, I. T.

DRUG STORE.

Wagoner, I. T.

about 1898.

Initially, the Hadley drug store in Wagoner was known as T. J. Hadley & Son, with T. J. and Oscar listed as proprietors. By the early 1900s, it became T. J. Hadley & Sons Drug Store, reflecting the involvement of other members of the family. When all four sons expressed an interest in the drug business, it was clear that a single drug store could not provide adequate income for everyone. Consequently, T. J. Hadley & Sons expanded their operations.

In the early twentieth century, the population of Indian Territory grew substantially in anticipation of a declaration of statehood. This afforded many opportunities for the Hadley family drug business. An early venture was the establishment of a drug store in 1901 in the Creek Nation town of Clarksville, a few miles to the southwest of Wagoner. The Hadley store at Clarksville was short-lived as a better business environment was seen about four miles north in Porter.

In October of 1904, T. J. Hadley & Sons moved their drug stock and fixtures from Wagoner to Porter. The drug stock from Clarksville was consolidated with that in Porter soon thereafter. While Oscar managed the drug store at Porter, T. J. moved into nearby Muskogee to work as a pharmacist and to become established in the insurance business. At the same time, he searched for potential drug store purchases. The two younger sons, John and Tom, moved with T. J. into Muskogee to work in local drug stores. Roscoe worked in the Owl Drug Store in Wagoner until August of 1905, when he moved to Lenapah, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, to manage a drug store purchased from J. W. Ray.

As the Hadleys were moving from Wagoner, the newly created Indian Territory Board of Pharmacy met in Muskogee to start their duty of registering qualified pharmacists. Oscar and Roscoe were among the earliest to apply and, on October 18, 1904, were issued certificate numbers 122 and 101, respectively, by the board. John was initially issued an assistant certificate with the number 4 on January 16, 1906, and pharmacist certificate number 971 on January 16, 1907. T. J. received certificate number 972, also on January 16, 1907. Tom applied on October 9, 1907, and was given pharmacist certificate number 1136. Therefore, before Oklahoma statehood, all members of the Hadley family were licensed to practice pharmacy in the Indian Territory. After statehood, the

HADLEY DRUG CO.

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Many People think it necessary to go to some large town or city to find a

FIRST-CLASS DRUG STORE

DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT!

You will be convinced that there is a First-Class Drug Store here by calling on

**HADLEY DRUG COMPANY,
PORTER, I. T.**

We carry as fine and varied stock of Drugs, Chemicals, Patent Medicines, etc., as can be found anywhere.

We buy direct from the largest manufacturers in the country and in so doing we get the very best prices as well.

We are prepared to fill your prescriptions, so that the very best results are obtainable.

We keep nothing but the very best PERFUMES from the leading manufacturers.

Our Cigars are all the very BEST brands on the market, both 5 and 10 cents.

Early advertisement for Hadley Drug Company at Porter, Creek Nation, Indian Territory. From The Porter Enterprise, November 10, 1904

Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy issued certificate numbers 333, 334, 335, 395, and 396 to Oscar, Tom, Roscoe, T. J., and John, respectively.

In 1907, the Hadley Drug Store in Lenapah was sold and Roscoe moved to Muskogee. In August of that year, it was announced that he had purchased the drug store at the corner of Main and Okmulgee from Ernest Jones. Even though Roscoe became manager and principal proprietor for the new Hadley Drug Company in Muskogee, the business was owned by the Hadley family. T. J., John, and Tom helped to operate the Muskogee store as well as the store in Porter that was managed by Oscar. In 1909, the family purchased another drug store in Muskogee. This one, sold by George M. Evans, Jr., was located on the east side at the corner of Callahan and Cherokee streets. Evans eventually bought back the east side drug store. When the Hadleys bought the Veale Drug Store at 110 North Second Street later in the same year, they started a custom in referring to it as "The Busy Store."

In 1908, Roscoe purchased the interests of Oscar and John in the Hadley Drug Company in Muskogee. On December 1, 1908, the Hadley Drug Store at Porter was sold to the Schoonover Drug Company. Oscar



Roscoe Hadley standing behind the soda fountain in his drug store on the corner of Main and Okmulgee streets in Muskogee. From Southern Pharmaceutical Journal, 1 (July, 1909): 584.

moved to Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, where he became a partner in a real estate and insurance business, the Hale-Hadley Company. John moved to the Ottawa County town of Afton, where he became manager of a recently purchased Hadley family drug store. The store in Afton was sold on March 1, 1909, to A. C. Rose. This was the year in which the Hadley brothers began to go in separate directions.

Oscar's marriage on February 19, 1907, to Anna Farrow had brought him in contact with C. L. Hale, who was married to Anna's sister. The Farrow family moved to Miami in about 1908, prompting the brothers-in-law to start in the insurance business there. In December of 1909, Oscar purchased a drug store in El Dorado Springs, Cedar County, Missouri. Soon thereafter, while the rest of the Hadley family remained in Muskogee, Oscar and Anna moved away from Miami.

In April of 1912, Oscar and Anna Hadley moved back to Miami. After Oscar sold the drug store in El Dorado Springs, he bought the Palace Drug Store in Miami from T. J. Copeland, who had obtained the store from Frank Lonzo Wormington. The Hadley Drug Company in Miami was incorporated by the Hadley family with a capital stock of \$4,000 before the middle of 1912. Oscar lived in Miami and managed the store.

At about the time that Oscar came back to Miami, most of the Hadley family moved from Muskogee to Oklahoma City. The exception was Tom, who continued to operate the Quaker Drug Store in Muskogee before the store was sold and he joined Oscar in expanding the Hadley business in Ottawa County. In Oklahoma City, the Hadleys first drug store, established in about 1913, was located at Third and Broadway.

By the end of 1914, all of the Hadley brothers had families of their own. Marriages in addition to Oscar's took place on February 26, 1901, between Roscoe and Alzaida Gibson; on April 22, 1908, between John and Fuchsia Wyatt Gordon; and on November 11, 1914, between Tom and Jonnye Crosby.

A growing population in Ottawa County resulting from an expanding number of lead and zinc mining communities increased commercial opportunities for the Hadleys in the mid-1910s. In August of 1915, Tom moved from Muskogee to Miami, where he helped Oscar in establishing Hadley Drug Company stores at nearby Cardin and Commerce. T. J. also spent time in Ottawa County to help, but kept his home in Oklahoma City. Before 1918, additional drug stores were started by the Hadley Drug Com-

pany in Tar River and Picher. However, by the end of the decade, the Hadley drug enterprises in Ottawa County were reduced in number because of increasing competition and diminishing opportunities. By about 1922, the only remaining Hadley drug store in the county was the one operated by Oscar in Miami. At its peak, the Hadley Drug Company utilized its own wholesale department in Miami as a means of supplying multiple branch units.

John Hadley enlisted in the United States Army in November of 1917, assigned to the hospital corps. He was quickly promoted to Sergeant First Class and stationed at Fort Logan, Denver, Colorado, and Camp Sevier, Greenville, South Carolina. After his service term during World War I, he returned to Oklahoma City and the Hadley Drug Company.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO OUR CUSTOMERS

Mr. Roscoe E. Hadley has purchased the stock and business of Ernest Jones, Druggist, and the business will hereafter be conducted by him under the firm name of

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A new and complete line of Drugs and sundries, Cigars, Tobacco, etc.

Agents for Claremore Radium Water and Eureka Water.

PRESCRIPTIONS A SPECIALTY.

You will find this store open from six o'clock a. m., till midnight.

All goods delivered to any part of city.

Prompt attention to all telephone calls

HADLEY DRUG COMPANY

101 North Main St., Corner Main and Okmulgee

Notice that Roscoe Hadley bought the drug store on the corner of Main and Okmulgee in Muskogee from Ernest Jones. From Muskogee Daily Phoenix, August 10, 1907.

Tom Hadley returned to Muskogee in 1919 after buying one of the drug stores that was part of the estate of George M. Evans, Jr., who died in January of that year. He continued the store in Muskogee until moving the stock to Oklahoma City in 1922. Oscar operated the Hadley Drug Company in Miami until 1929 when Crown Drug Company of Kansas City bought the store. Oscar remained in Miami as a director of the First National Bank. Meanwhile, the number of drug stores in the Hadley Drug Company increased in Oklahoma City. By 1925, Roscoe was managing three stores and John was managing two. T. J. spent time between Oklahoma City and Miami helping his sons operate the Hadley Drug Stores.

In Oklahoma City, the Hadleys, at least in part because of their active involvement in the Democratic Party, developed a friendship with John "Jack" Callaway Walton. Roscoe, especially, was said to have been one of Jack's close personal friends - a member of the inner circle. Walton became Oklahoma City Public Works Commissioner in 1917, Oklahoma City

Mayor in 1919, and Oklahoma Governor in 1923.

Soon after his inauguration as Governor of Oklahoma on January 8, 1923, Jack Walton appointed many of his friends to state offices. Among them was Roscoe Hadley as State Chemist and Tom Hadley as secretary of the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy. Roscoe was also in charge of raising money, much of it from state employees, to purchase a Lincoln automobile for Walton. In October of 1923, Walton was suspended from office by the Oklahoma legislature pending impeachment proceedings. Among the many charges against Walton were illegal collection of campaign funds, patronage, and padding the public payroll. He was convicted in his impeachment trial and removed from office in November.

Tom was initially continued as secretary of the pharmacy board by Walton's replacement, Martin Edwin Trapp. In May of 1925, Tom was serving as vice-president of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) and presiding officer of NABP's District 6 when he submitted his resignation from the



Drug store on Muskogee's east side at the corner of Callahan and Cherokee streets purchased by Roscoe Hadley from George Evans in 1909. From the author's collection.



Miami street scene showing the Palace Drug Store on the left of the picture. From the author's collection.

Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy. In February of 1926, his successor, Clarence Mead Anderson, took over the office. Tom returned full-time to the Hadley Drug Company in Oklahoma City and was commended by the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association (OPhA) for his work in enforcing the pharmacy law of the state requiring that all places in which drugs are sold, including department and grocery stores, retain the services of licensed pharmacists.

After moving to Oklahoma City, Roscoe became active in several local pharmacy organizations. In 1920, he was elected president of the Oklahoma City Retail Druggists Association. In 1923, at the height of his power during the Walton administration, he became president of the OPhA, serving for one term. Undaunted by Walton's removal from office, Roscoe ran as the Democratic nominee for the Oklahoma House of Representatives from the Fourth District in 1924. However, the Republican candidate for that position, Oklahoma City pharmacist H. S. Caldwell, won the election.

Notwithstanding substantial business success, tragedy marked the end of the Hadley Drug Company in Oklahoma City. Since their early days in the Indian Territory, all members of the Hadley family had been arrested and charged with selling alcohol on several occasions. Even though it was forbidden by

federal law, most pharmacists and drug store owners in the territory faced similar charges for their use of alcohol in compounding prescriptions and for selling patent medicines containing alcohol. In most instances, they were acquitted or paid a small fine for the infraction. Some served time in local jails and others were sent to federal prison.

The Hadley family members had mixed success in dealing with prohibition charges against them. In most earlier incidents in Indian Territory days, they were acquitted. However, prohibition enforcement in Oklahoma after statehood resulted in more convictions. For example, Tom was convicted and sentenced to thirty days in jail and fined fifty dollars in January of 1908 for selling whiskey while working as a drug clerk for the Tate-Selsor Drug Store in Muskogee. Also, Roscoe was convicted of selling alcohol in Muskogee in 1912, shortly before he moved to Oklahoma City.

After federal prohibition went into effect on January 16, 1920, many drug stores in Oklahoma were raided by agents of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), charged with enforcement. On Saturday, March 21, 1925, Roscoe was arrested by federal agents working out of Kansas City for selling liquor in his Oklahoma City drug store on West Reno Street. In May of that year, he was convicted of violating the

ANNOUNCEMENT!

The people of Miami, Commerce and the surrounding community are invited to attend the opening of our new store

A T C O M M E R C E
Monday, October 18

We are very desirous of meeting all the people of Commerce and vicinity and ask all to visit and inspect our new store.

We expect to supply most everything kept in a first class drug store.

Don't Forget the Opening
Orchestra from 8 to 10 p. m.

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HADLEY DRUG CO.
The Busy Drug Store

Notice of the opening of the Hadley Drug Company store at Commerce. From Miami Record-Herald, October 15, 1915.

federal prohibition law, sentenced to four months in the county jail, and fined five hundred dollars.

On February 1, 1931, James J. Jones was hit by an automobile at Reno and Robinson avenues in Oklahoma City. The driver of the automobile fled the scene. It was later determined that the automobile belonged to Roscoe Hadley of the Quaker Drug Store at 2200 South Central Avenue. The search for Roscoe was unsuccessful until he was found dead at the home of his son, Randall, near Noble, Cleveland County, Oklahoma. He died on February 3, 1931, after taking an overdose of an unspecified "sleeping powder" and is buried in Oklahoma City's Memorial Park Cemetery.

Roscoe's death was followed by those of John and T. J. in Oklahoma City on November 28, 1931, and December 2, 1936, respectively. After T. J. died, Tom and his mother Hattie moved to Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County, Texas. Tom died there on Febru-

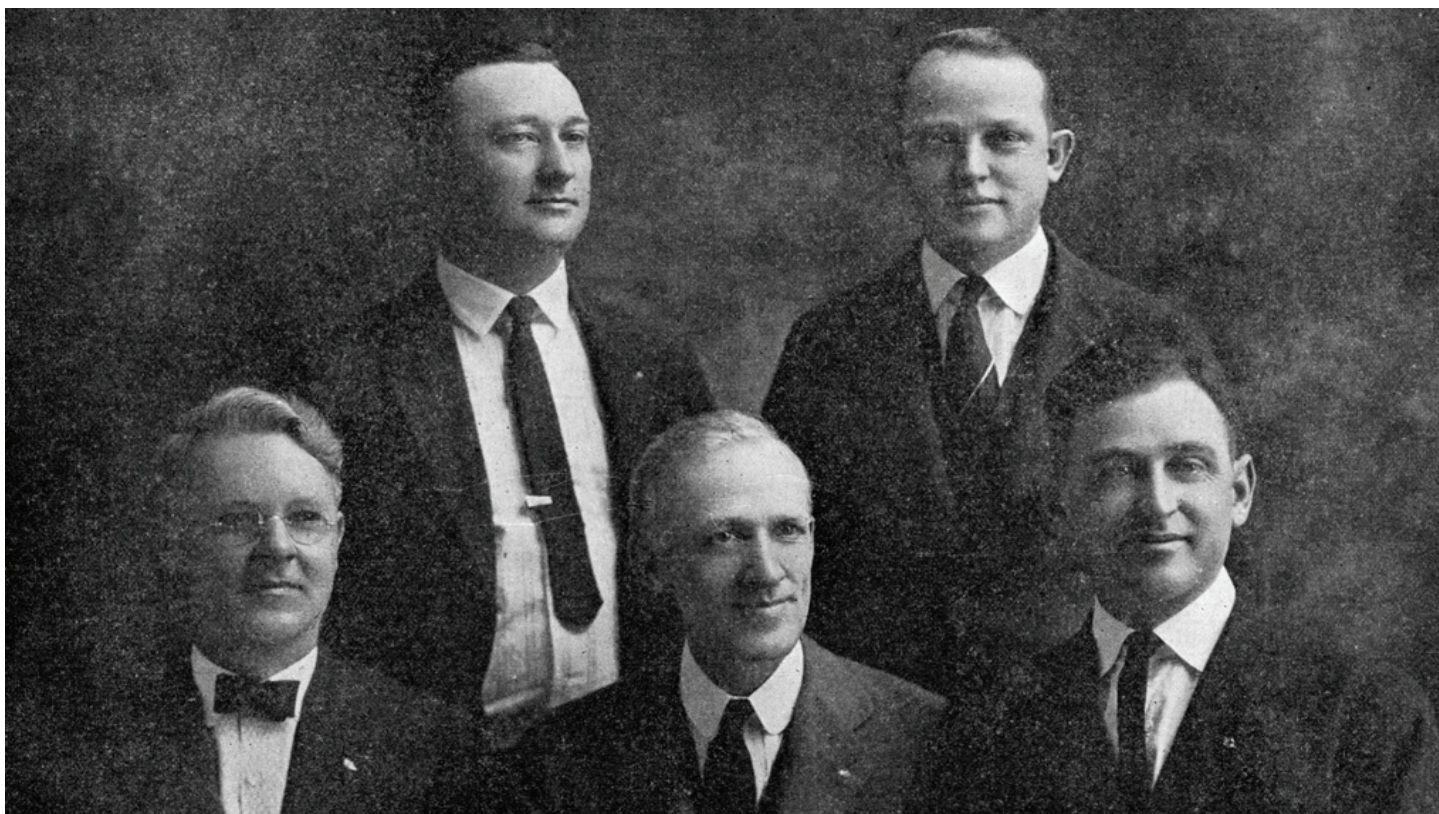
ary 6, 1944, followed by Hattie on August 29, 1945. T. J., Hattie, and John are buried in Memorial Park Cemetery. Tom is buried in Greenville, Hunt County, Texas. Oscar died on March 29, 1949, and is buried in the GAR Cemetery in Miami.

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Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy, 1923. Standing, from left, are Tom R. Hadley, secretary of the board, and Tom Frame of Ardmore. Seated, from left, are W. Perry Freeman of Washington, T. M. Tether of Pauls Valley, and Paul W. Moomaw of Okemah. From Southern Pharmaceutical Journal, 16 (August, 1924): 654.

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**Four Busy Drug Stores
Miami—Commerce—Tar River—Picher**

Advertisement by Hadley Drug Company for stores at four locations in Ottawa County. From Miami Record-Herald, May 25, 1917.